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SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION INTO WHAT HAPPENED TO LIBYAN POUCH  
TORN OPEN AT JFK AIRPORT

REF: USUN 6386, TRIPOLI 0091.

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED INVESTIGATIVE REPORT FROM DIRECTOR  
FO SECURITY FOR TWA AIRLINES, JOHN STEELE, CONCERNING  
LIBYAN DIPLOMATIC POUCH.

2. STEELE ADVISES THAT POUCH WAS TENDRED TO TWA ON NOV 14,  
1975 AS GENERAL CARGO. ON NOV 15, IT WAS LOADED IN A CARGO  
CONTAINER FOR TRANSPORTATION TO LONDON. HOWEVER, FREIGHT  
WAS FULLY LOADED BEFORE CARGO CONTAINER IN WHICH POUCH  
WAS STOWED COULD BE BOARDED. THEREFORE, IT DID NOT LEAVE  
NEW YORK THAT DAY. CONTAINER AND ITS CONTENTS WERE DISPATCHED  
TO LONDON ON NOV 16. IT WAS LATER DETERMINED  
THAT LIBYAN POUCH FELL FROM CONTAINER ON TO A NON-PUBLIC AIRPORT  
SERVICE ROAD. ITS WAS DISCOVERED THERE BY A POSTAL  
PATROL OFFICER AND ULTIMATELY RETURNED TO TWO VIA PORT  
OF NEW YORK AUTHORITY POLICE. POUCH WAS TORN AND RIPPED FROM  
HAVING BEEN DRAGGED ON PAVEMENT. POUCH HAD ALSO BEEN  
DELIBERATELY CUT. CONTENTS OF BAG WERE EXAMINED BY LIBYANS  
AND DETERMINED TO BE INTACT. ACCORDING TO STEELE.  
NONE OF ENVELOPES HAD OPENED DESPITE ALLEGATIONS BY LIBYANS  
TO CONTRARY.

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3. WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED INVESTIGATIVE REPORT FROM UN SECURITY  
OFFICER WHO ACCOMPANIED A MEMBER OF LIBYAN MISSION TO AIRPORT

TO RECOVER POUCH. REPORT HAS RAISED ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS  
WHICH WERE NOT ANSWERED BY STEELE AND WHICH WE ARE IN PROCESS  
OF CHECKING. WE WILL FORWARD FURTHER REPORT WHEN WE OBTAIN  
ANSWER TO OUR QUESTIONS.  
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